



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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August 10, 2006

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN 

REPORT ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL TAX BY THE INDEPENDENT CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ICOC) FOR PROPOSITION E

Attached is the Report of Committee Findings by the ICOC for the Fire Department's special tax. The ICOC has made their annual finding that expenditures of the special tax for Fiscal Year 2005-06 were made in accordance with Proposition E (which authorized the special tax).

At its meeting on August 2, 2006, the ICOC voted to unanimously support my recommendation to your Honorable Board to levy the special tax for Fiscal Year 2006-07 at the same level as Fiscal Year 2005-06. Your Board will be acting on the special tax levy for Fiscal Year 2006-07 at your August 15, 2006 meeting.

The original Report of Committee Findings has been submitted to the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors.

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Attachment

c: David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
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INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Los Angeles County Fire Department Special Tax

August 2, 2006

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Jim Goldsworthy
Pilar M. Hoyos
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Jaclyn Tilley-Hill

Dear Supervisors:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The purpose of this letter is to report the findings of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee's (ICOC) review of the expenditure of the Fire Department's special tax revenue. As required by the provisions of the Proposition E special tax measure of 1997, the ICOC must review annually the special tax revenue to assure that it is being expended for fire protection or paramedic rescue services.

Background

In accordance with Proposition E, the Board established the ICOC. The ICOC consists of a representative from each Board office, a city council representative appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee and the Chair of the Los Angeles County Economy and Efficiency Commission as an *ex officio* member. The duties prescribed for the ICOC are as follows:

- Meet at least once in each fiscal year.
- Review expenditures paid from the special tax to ensure that such expenditures are for "Fire Protection or Paramedic Rescue Services," which specifically include emergency paramedic rescue, firefighting, search and rescue, and hazardous materials and disaster response.
- Report the Committee's findings to the Board of Supervisors, which satisfies the public reporting requirement.

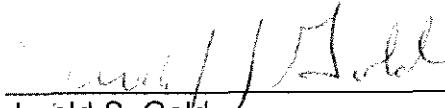
The ICOC met on August 2, 2006 at which time the Committee reviewed information from the book closing and ending fund balance for 2005-06 and the adopted 2006-07 Budget.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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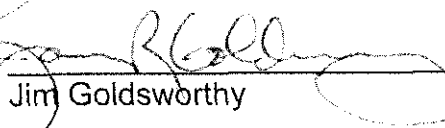
Findings

With regard to the expenditures of the special tax in 2005-06, the Committee finds that the 2005-06 special tax revenues were expended for fire protection and paramedic services in accordance with provisions of Proposition E.

Respectfully submitted,




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